

ICE Reservoirs Committee Minutes

Meeting

Date	Tuesday 19 October 2023
Time	14.00 to 17.30
Venue	MS Teams
Chair	Ed McCann

Panel members

Sub-Committee 1	Chris Scott (Chair) Anthea Peters Stuart King Craig Goff Tom Wanner
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Sub-Committee 2	Jeremy Benn (Chair) Andrew Kirby Dave Crook Alan Brown Ian Scholefield
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Alice Baverstock – Defra
Jan Kiernan – Defra
Tony Deakin – Environment Agency
Fiona Lennon - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Violeta Morosan - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Shaun Donnelly/Shane Grant - Department of Infrastructure, NI not attending
Ryan Robinson - Department of Infrastructure, NI
Matt O'Brien – Natural Resources Wales
Dylan McKee – Welsh Government

By Invite	Sean Harris – ICE Dominic Molyneax, ARPE - Incoming sub-committee member
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Apologies	Claire Dodd – Scottish Government James Ashworth – SEPA Lori Frater – Welsh Government
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Secretariat	Brendan van Rooyen (BvR) Rabinder Phull (ICE) Kerrie McPeake (ICE)
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Summary of Applications in October 2023

New Applications

6 new applications were submitted to the Supervising Engineers Panel this cycle.

2 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England and Wales, and 3 Supervising Engineer applicants have been recommended for appointment in England, Wales and Scotland.

Re-applications

7 re-applications were made to the Supervising Engineers Panels and 1 re-application was made to the Non-Impounding Reservoirs Panel.

7 Supervising Engineers Panel re-applications have been recommended for re-appointment: 1 of which is re-appointed to England, Wales and Scotland, 1 to Scotland, and 5 to England and Wales.

Item no		
2318	Legislative changes and jurisdictional impacts	
	<p>i. Update on current legislative situation and summary of plans/progress with updated Reservoir Inundation/Flood Maps in each of the jurisdictions:</p> <p>England – Jan Kiernan/Tony Deakin Defra has published two reports encompassing post implementation reviews of the existing legislation in England. These are statutory duties to review regulations periodically and links in with the reform programme.</p> <p>TD stated that recently an undertaker had been taken to court for not producing an onsite safety plan. The undertaker was fined and had to produce the report. This sends a strong message that onsite safety plans are a requirement.</p> <p>On Tuesday, a new capability process covering England and Wales was published and linked on the ICE website. All panel engineers have been notified. This covers the process of investigating the capabilities of an engineer to confirm if they are doing fine, need training or worst case scenario be removed from the panel.</p> <p>If concerns are raised, Part 1 - the regulator investigates. Part 2 – Defra investigates and may write to the ICE reservoirs committee to review and <u>advise</u> only.</p> <p>Scotland- Claire Dodd None.</p> <p>Northern Ireland – Ryan Robinson No change.</p> <p>Wales - Matt O’Brien/Dylan Mackey Regulations, no update. For information, the bi-annual report which is produced for the Minister has been published and is available on the website.</p>	
2319	Reports	
	<p>i. British Dam Society (BDS) TW provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 16th Supervising Engineers Forum was held in National Conference Centre Birmingham in September focussing on four main topics: Application of 	



	<p>legislation, Exercising of onsite plans, Monitoring and surveillance and finally Matters concerning Undertakers. Nearly 250 delegates attended the day and positive feedback has been provided with regards to the event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Working Groups came into effect following the BDS meeting in July, with clear objectives and distinction between them all. They are namely – Executive, Membership, Communication, Events, Schools and Universities. Each one will have a lead announced shortly. - ICOLD – BDS is looking to increase the number of co-opted members on technical committees and ensure that each technical committee has a UK representative that is active. Good response for this so far. - BDS panel engineer Mentoring scheme is currently accepting new members and applications for this have recently been invited – closing shortly. - BDS Young professionals are reinstating lunchtime talks and also focussing on first Young Professional Forum to be held in April 2024. - BDS evening meeting topics are all planned for next year and available on events page on website. - BDS are proposing to have a new website built, as the old website is not ‘fit for purpose’ any more. This will hopefully be undertaken over next few months. - The next BDS Conference will be at Keele University (Staffordshire) in September 2024. An organising committee for this is due to be formed shortly. <p>I. Reservoir Safety Research Advisory Group (ReSRAG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As per attached minutes. 	
2320	<p>Reservoir Safety Review – 2nd report</p>	
	<p>I. Update on progress. JK gave a brief update in the BDS SE Forum in September. The programme is well underway. This has involved input from the PEC members who are helping to shape reforms and provide expert views and insight.</p> <p>One of the main projects under the reform programme is hazard classifications for reservoir safety led by JBA. It is in the early stage of examining options and how to incorporate these into practice. Narrowing the options and testing will be ongoing until end of October 2024, resulting in a series of reports and a consultation exercise. The work is supported by high level engagement from key stakeholders including the PEC, Reservoirs Owners group and this committee.</p> <p>Other work involves the supply and capability of engineers, being taken forward</p>	



	<p>with BVR. Work is starting soon on major elements and CS is directly involved.</p> <p>Defra has also been reviewing forms that engineers use to improve on measures of reservoir safety, looking at developing report content and options for online input.</p> <p>II. Update from Panel Engineers Committee The PEC has regular monthly meetings but also meets with Defra every quarter. It recognises the need to liaise with Scotland and Wales.</p> <p>The ToR is being finalised and will clarify the role and expectations of the committee.</p> <p>In terms of activities, the PEC has provided comments on the project plan for the panel engineer numbers exercise. It has provided positive and focused feedback to Defra on the survey on the guidance and contents of the section 10 report.</p> <p>Quick session at the SE forum. A QR code was suggested so people can comment and concerns from the community can be raised. This is early days but there is more engagement.</p>	
2321	<p>Reservoirs Committee membership</p> <p>There is currently a vacancy for an AR member. Nominations will be circulated by email for committee members to consider.</p>	
	<p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd February 2024 • 20th June 2024 <p>17th October 2024 (One Great George Street)</p>	

